# Agriculture & Bee Health: Activities to Improve Sustainable Co-Existence January 27, 2013

#### Introduction

- Purpose of summit (including setting of tone & expectations) Steve Bradbury
- Overview of the Value of Seed Treatments Ray Knake
- Overview of the Value of Seed Treatments to Growers (grower speaker from ISU)

## **Seed Treatment Technology Advances Group**

- Preparation of Seed for treatment Pioneer/ Monsanto
- Coatings and formulations BASF/Incotec
  - Formulation Technology Innovation and Improvements tent. Dr. Palle
     Pedersen Syngenta Seed Care Institute. (Use of Heubach and other testing methods in development of new products)
  - Seed Applied Additives
     BASF/Incotec
- Advances in technology (panel from multiple companies?)
- Seed Treatment application technology commercial & downstream ie: Flow Meters, Seed Wheels, On-Demand, ISO certified production facilities

### **Dust Group**

- Talc replacement Bayer
- Equipment manufacturing design changes American Equipment Manufacturers
- Midwest study (NAPPC?) to investigate exposures during plantings. However, this subject description should now be identified as "Reducing Honey Bee Exposure to Dust Emitted During Planting of Treated Corn Seeds

#### **BMPs Group**

- Intended audience, communication, availability of BMPs Lisa Nichols
- BMPs related to work in pesticide application to seed, for beekeeping purposes, and broader for the health of bees
- Education seed companies, growers, and industry outreach other possible sub topics